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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT : Administrative Costs of GEHA

1. I have reviewed the attached proposal by the Board of Directors of GEHA, which has been concurred in by the Director of Personnel, and the Deputy Director of Security, and agree with their position that if the Agency demands such a service on behalf of its employees, there should be some support by the Agency in the form of personnel, equipment, space, etc. But, the big question is how much? Of course, I realize that the proposal as presented calls for full support, but can the Agency from a legal standpoint support such a position? I would suggest that the General Counsel render a written opinion so we can see how far we can go from a legal point of view. In the final analysis, the Director may decide to do it notwithstanding a legal position, but he should be apprised of the facts, pros and cons, and any other information that may be obtainable from any source. For example, there may be some activities of a similar nature that other agencies are supporting in one way or another. Has this been explored?

2. I know that these comments are not what is desired as this matter has been under consideration for a long time, but let's explore all angles before taking the final step of approving full support. We might go so far as discussing the subject informally with Mr. Fisher, General Counsel, GAO, since he has been very understanding and helpful in the past.

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